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Offshore Energy Development Promises Major Job Opportunities

Dear Roy,

America's natural gas and oil industry supports [10.3 million U.S. jobs](#) across a range of industries, including an additional 2.7 jobs for every direct job in the industry.

The economic impact reaches all 50 states, both [producing and non-producing states](#). The industry supports 322,600 jobs in [Pennsylvania](#), the nation's No. 2 [natural gas producer](#), and 258,500 jobs next door in New York, the nation's No. 4 consumer of natural gas. New York sits atop the same resource base that has made Pennsylvania an epicenter of the American energy renaissance, and the state could potentially add an additional 60,000 jobs by developing its own natural gas and building the pipelines needed to serve its residents.

This tale of two states is a case study in seizing energy opportunity. Although the United States leads the world in the production and refining of natural gas and oil – an achievement with clear benefits for job creation, energy security and [consumer savings](#) – we haven't yet reached the full economic potential of our abundant resources.

Untapped reserves offshore provide a prime example. As long as government restrictions keep [94 percent](#) of federal offshore acreage off limits to energy development, we're leaving hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs on the table, not to mention production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day.

The Trump administration is moving in the right direction, [issuing executive orders](#) directing the Department of Interior to [reconsider offshore areas](#) previously closed to responsible development and to resume the permitting process for seismic surveys in the Atlantic – an essential step toward locating offshore oil and natural gas resources.

Seismic surveying uses advanced technology to allow scientists to produce detailed 3-dimensional maps to identify the safest, most efficient locations for energy exploration. Used not just by the oil and natural gas industry but also by the U.S. government, the National Science Foundation and the offshore wind industry, [advanced seismic survey technology](#) has proven effective in safely uncovering new energy resources. The last seismic surveys in the Atlantic were conducted more than 30 years ago, and cutting-edge seismic technology could help us

Jobs and Economic Growth Tied to Energy Infrastructure

An API study earlier this year estimated investments in needed natural gas and oil infrastructure could total more than a trillion dollars and potentially generate more than 1 million jobs through 2035. [Learn more about](#) the middle-class sustaining jobs impact of energy infrastructure investment.



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better understand the resources accessible with advanced, responsible production methods – just as it did in the Gulf of Mexico, where estimates of recoverable oil resources were revised upward by almost 40 billion barrels compared to calculations made in 1987.

Technological innovation, stringent new safety standards, and strong coordination between federal and state governments and industry ensure [offshore energy development is safer than ever](#), from exploration to production. Offshore operations safely coexist with tourism, commercial and recreational fishing industries and the military along hundreds of miles of coastline and millions of acres offshore.

Expanding access to U.S. energy resources is critical to [future energy security](#) and to fueling economic growth. Eighty percent of [U.S. voters](#) support increased domestic oil and natural gas production, and accessing our [vast offshore resources](#) in the Atlantic, Arctic, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico is a promising place to start.

Sincerely,



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